



Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Bob Johnson

CITIZEN COMPLAINT REPORT

Nature of Complaint: OFFICER MISCONDUCT & ABUSE OF POWER Date of Incident: 18 MAY 2018

Location of Incident: 2132 LAS VEGAS TRAIL NAVARRE, FL

Member(s) Involved: SGT UTSEY, OFFICER WEAVER


Complainant: CHAD ANTHONY Date of Birth: 3 OCT 1975

Address: 1722 TWIN PINE BLVD Telephone #: (775) 835-3822
GULF BREEZE


Summary: ON THE MORNING OF 23 MARCH 2018 AROUND 0100,
MARIAH ANTHONY WENT TO BAPTIST HOSPITAL IN GULF BREEZE TO
BE TREATED FOR BEING RAPED THE PREVIOUS NIGHT AT JUANA'S
PAGODA IN NAVARRE, FL. SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL BY
HER EX-BOYFRIEND, SPENCER HAUSE, WHO SHE SHARED A 7-MONTH OLD

I hereby swear and affirm that the above and all attached statements and/or documentation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have fully read and understand the attached Florida State Statute § 112.533 regarding the Receipt and Processing of Complaints. Specifically, I acknowledge that until this investigation is completed, I am not to discuss my complaint with anyone other than the Deputy assigned to investigate my complaint or my legal representative.

Complainant's Signature: _____



Sworn to and subscribed before me this
22 day of June 20 18.



Person Authorized to Administer Oath

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DAUGHTER TOGETHER AND WAS IN A CUSTODY DISPUTE WITH AT THE TIME. AN OFFICER WEAVER AND ANOTHER UNIFORMED SANTA ROSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICER, WHO MARIAH DIDN'T KNOW THE NAME OF BUT DESCRIBED HIM AS A "TALL BLACK GUY", BEGAN TO QUESTION MARIAH ABOUT THE RAPE. THERE WEREN'T ANY FEMALES IN THE ROOM DURING THE QUESTIONING. SPENCER HAUSE WAS ALSO IN THE ROOM WHEN THEY BEGAN QUESTIONING HER. MARIAH DIDN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE TELLING HAUSE WHAT HAPPENED BECAUSE THEY WERE IN A CUSTODY DISPUTE, AND SHE WAS WORRIED THAT ANYTHING SHE MIGHT SAY WOULD BE USED BY HAUSE. THE OFFICER REALIZED THAT MARIAH DIDN'T WANT HAUSE IN THE ROOM DURING QUESTIONING AND TOOK HIM OUT OF THE ROOM. OFFICER WEAVER CONTINUED TO QUESTION MARIAH AFTER THEY LEFT THE ROOM AND IT WAS JUST THE TWO OF THEM. MARIAH TOLD OFFICER WEAVER THAT SHE AND HAUSE WERE NO LONGER A COUPLE (SOMETHING HAUSE STATED ON HIS OWN EARLIER ALSO) AND THEY WERE HAVING CUSTODY ISSUES OVER THEIR 7-MONTH OLD BABY. SHE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT SHE DIDN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE TELLING HAUSE ANYTHING BECAUSE SHE HAD JUST GOTTEN OUT OF AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH HAUSE. MARIAH ADMITTED TO INITIALLY TELLING FALSE STATEMENTS

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WHEN BOTH OFFICERS AND HAUSE WERE IN THE ROOM, DUE TO
HER NOT WANTING HAUSE TO KNOW ANYTHING. WHEN IT WAS
JUST OFFICER WEAVER AND MARIAH, SHE DID TELL HIM EVERYTHING
THAT HAPPENED AT JUANA'S, IN REFERENCE TO HER RAPE. WHEN
MARIAH WAS DONE EXPLAINING WHAT HAPPENED, OFFICER WEAVER WENT
OUT OF THE ROOM AND TOLD HAUSE EVERYTHING SHE SAID, EVEN
THOUGH SHE DIDN'T WANT HAUSE TO KNOW ANY OF IT. BECAUSE
OF OFFICER WEAVER'S ACTIONS, MARIAH IMMEDIATELY WANTED
TO SIGN WHATEVER PAPERWORK WAS NEEDED TO BE DISCHARGED
FROM THE HOSPITAL, AND SHE DIDN'T WANT TO PRESS ANY CHARGES
FOR THE RAPE. SHE STOPPED TALKING TO OFFICERS AS A RESULT
OF THE LOST IN TRUST WITH OFFICER WEAVER AND HIS ACTIONS. —
ON THE NIGHT OF 17 MAY 2018 SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT, MARIAH
SUFFERED A SERIES OF SEIZURES; SHE HAS STRESS-INDUCED AND
HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH EPILEPSY. MARIAH'S YOUNGEST DAUGHTER
ASPEN, THE 7-MONTH OLD BABY WITH SPENCER HAUSE, HAD PASSED
AWAY ON 15 APRIL 2018 UNDER THE CARE OF HAUSE. THE EXTREME
STRESS MARIAH HAD BEEN UNDER WAS A RESULT OF THE LOSS OF
HER CHILD. MARIAH'S MOTHER, JULIE ANTHONY, WAS AT MARIAH'S
HOUSE WHEN SHE WAS HAVING THE SEIZURES. THE SERIES OF

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WERE WORSE THAN NORMAL, FROM WHAT JULIE ASSESSED, BECAUSE
MARIAH WAS HAVING EXTREME DIFFICULTY BREATHING. JULIE
ASKED OUR OTHER DAUGHTER CALEIGH ANTHONY, WHO WAS ALSO
AT MARIAH'S HOUSE AT THE TIME, TO CALL 911 FOR MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE. THE EMTS ARRIVED AROUND MIDNIGHT AND
MARIAH'S FATHER, CHAD ANTHONY, ALSO ARRIVED AT THE HOUSE
SHORTLY AFTER THE EMTS ARRIVED. MARIAH WAS FEELING
NORMAL SHORTLY ~~AFTER~~ BEFORE THE EMTS ARRIVED, AND SHE
DIDN'T WANT TO BE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL FOR FOLLOW-ON
CARE. SHE HAD JUST BEEN TO THE FT WALTON BEACH MEDICAL
CENTER A MONTH PRIOR TO SEE HER BABY PASS AWAY, AND
SHE DID NOT WANT TO BE NEAR A HOSPITAL AS A RESULT.
MARIAH ASKED THE EMTS IF THEY COULD JUST TREAT HER AT
THE HOUSE AND BE DONE. AN EMT ASKED A SERIES OF
QUESTIONS (APPROXIMATELY 5) TO ASSESS HER MENTAL CAPACITY,
WHICH SHE ANSWERED ALL CORRECTLY BUT ONE. IT SEEMED
THAT MISSING THAT ONE QUESTION WAS THE DETERMINING FACTOR
TO CALL THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND GET THEM INVOLVED
FOR A POSSIBLE BAKER ACT. THE OFFICERS THAT ARRIVED AT
THE HOUSE WERE SGT UTSEY AND THE SAME OFFICER WEAVER

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From 23 MARCH 2018, MARIAH WAS STANDING IN THE LIVING
ROOM WITH THE EMTS WHEN THE OFFICERS ARRIVED, WHILE
JULIE AND CHAD WERE SITING ON THE BED IN THE BEDROOM,
DIRECTLY OFF THE LIVING ROOM. WHEN THE OFFICERS ARRIVED,
OFFICER WEAVER WALKED INTO THE LIVING ROOM WHILE SGT
UTSEY REMAINED JUST INSIDE THE HOUSE AT THE DOOR.
OFFICER WEAVER BEGAN TALKING WITH MARIAH AND SAID
SOMETHING LIKE "I RECOGNIZE YOU, MARIAH." MARIAH
IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED OFFICER WEAVER AND RESPONDED, "YEP,
YOU WERE AT THE ER." THE TONE IN HER VOICE WHEN SHE
SAID THIS ALERTED CHAD AND JULIE THAT SOMETHING WAS
WRONG. WHEN OFFICER WEAVER STARTER QUESTIONING MARIAH,
MARIAH ASKED TO TALK TO ANOTHER OFFICER. BOTH CHAD AND
JULIE STOOD UP AND STOOD IN THE DOORWAY OF THE BEDROOM
AND LIVING ROOM WHEN MARIAH MADE THAT STATEMENT. OFFICER
WEAVER CONTINUED TO APPROACH MARIAH AFTER SHE SAID THAT,
AND MARIAH STEPPED BACK FROM THE APPROACHING OFFICER
AND LEANED AGAINST HER MOTHER. AT NO POINT DID SHE
TRY TO ENTER THE BEDROOM, SHE ONLY LEANED AGAINST
JULIE FOR COMFORT FROM HER MOTHER. MARIAH REMAINED

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IN THE LIVING ROOM, AND SHE STARTED TO SAY, "IT WAS
HIM; HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL WHEN I WAS RAPED." IN
RESPONSE TO MARIAH BEGINNING TO IDENTIFY OFFICER WEAVER,
OFFICER WEAVER BEGAN TO GET PHYSICAL WITH MARIAH AND
PUT HER IN HANDCUFFS EVEN THOUGH SHE POSED NO THREAT
TO HERSELF OR ANYONE ELSE IN THE ROOM OR HOUSE.
JULIE LOUDLY PLEADED WITH OFFICER WEAVER AND SGT UTSEY
TO LET SOMEONE ELSE TALK TO HER AND NOT DO THIS TO
HER AND FURTHER TRAUMATIZE A GRIEVING MOTHER. BOTH
OFFICER WEAVER AND SGT UTSEY WERE AWARE THAT MARIAH'S
BABY HAD DIED JUST FOUR WEEKS EARLIER. JULIE STATED
REPEATEDLY THAT MARIAH WAS SCARED OF OFFICER WEAVER
AND BEGGED FOR SOMEONE ELSE (EVEN SGT UTSEY) TO
TALK TO MARIAH. THESE PLEAS WERE TO NO AVAIL. THE EMT
ASKED WHY MARIAH WANTED TO TALK TO SOMEONE ELSE, AND
SHE SAID, "I TRIED TO GET HELP FROM HIM BEFORE AND NOW
MY BABY IS DEAD." SGT UTSEY FINALLY GOT INVOLVED AFTER
OFFICER WEAVER PUT MARIAH IN HANDCUFFS AND CHAD
STRONGLY TOLD OFFICER WEAVER TO LET HER GO AND GET
OUT OF THE HOUSE. SGT UTSEY TOLD OFFICER WEAVER

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TO GO OUTSIDE AND START THE PAPERWORK. SGT UTSEY THEN DRAGGED MARIAH OUT OF THE HOUSE IN HANDCUFFS AND MADE HER SIT DOWN ON THE FRONT PORCH. HE TOLD MARIAH SHE WAS EITHER GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR TO JAIL THAT NIGHT. CHAD REMAINED RESPECTFUL AND NON-THREATENING THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE INCIDENT, AND SGT UTSEY GOT IN HIS FACE AND YELLED AND THREATENED CHAD THAT HE'D BE TAKEN TO JAIL IF HE INTERVENED ANY FURTHER. CHAD SAID HE'D LIKE HIS CONTACT INFORMATION. SGT UTSEY SAID, "YOU'RE WELCOME TO FILE A COMPLAINT, BUT I'M THE ONE WHO WILL GET IT AND I'LL SQUASH IT." CHAD ACKNOWLEDGED HIS STATEMENT AND SAID HE'D BE WILLING TO EXPLORE OPTIONS TO TALK WITH THEIR SUPERIOR OFFICERS IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. MARIAH WAS MOURNING THE DEATH OF HER 7-MONTH OLD DAUGHTER FROM LESS THAN 5 WEEKS EARLIER, SHE SUFFERED SEIZURES THAT EVENING, SHE WAS APPREHENSIVE TO GO TO THE ER, SHE'D LOST TRUST IN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM HER 23 MARCH 2018 INCIDENT, AND YET SHE WAS HANDCUFFED AND THREATENED TO BE PUT IN JAIL EVEN THOUGH SHE POSED NO THREAT OR HARM TO

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HERSELF OR ANYONE ELSE. SHE WAS EVENTUALLY TAKEN
TO THE FT WALTON BEACH MEDICAL CENTER, THE SAME
ER SHE SAW HER BABY DIE IN, AND WAS RELEASED AFTER
ONLY 2-3 HOURS BECAUSE THE PHYSICIAN THAT
EVALUATED HER FOUND NO CAUSE FOR A BAKER ACT.

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